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In re Application of: **John H. Vrzalik**

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Attorney Docket No:

**06 2916.295**

Assignee: **Kinetic Concepts, Inc.**

Examiner: **T. Pham**

Serial No: **08/382,150**

Group Art Unit: **3508**

Filed: **January 31, 1995**

Title: **BARIATRIC BED APPARATUS  
AND METHODS**

**FILE WRAPPER CONTINUING (FWC) APPLICATION**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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This is a request for a filing under the file wrapper continuation (FWC) procedure, 37 C.F.R. § 1.62, for continuation of the above-captioned application. Said application, in which no payment of issue fee, abandonment or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all of the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 C.F.R. § 1.62 continuing application, be it this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the Office may provide similar information or access to all other applications in the same file wrapper.

This application has the same inventors and discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application captioned hereinabove. Further, the inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same. A declaration or oath is not required for this application. The sole inventors' full name, citizenship and residence and post office addressees are as follows:

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The fees to be charged are to be based on the number of claims on file in the prior application. Attached is a check in the amount of \$770.00 for the basic filing fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-0477. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

Domestic priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the filing dates of the following U.S. patents and/or applications therefor. Accordingly, please amend the first sentence of the to read as follows:

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--This application is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 08/382,150 filed January 31, 1995, now abandoned.--

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Re: U.S. Application Serial No. 08/382,150  
Title: BARIATRIC BED APPARATUS AND METHODS  
Our Docket No. 06 2916.295

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

1. Cover letter and one copy thereof;
2. File Wrapper Continuing Application;
3. Petition for Extension of Time
4. Checks totaling \$1,160; and
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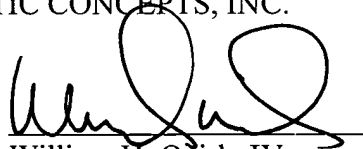
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